



6.8.2015- Presenting a message at the Peace Memorial Ceremony in Hiroshima earlier today, the United Nations (UN) [Secretary General](#) Ban Ki-moon marked the 70th anniversary of the atomic bombing there. In remembrance, he [observed](#) that “seven decades after their first use in conflict, this somber occasion commemorates the thousands who died that day. It honors the survivors and their descendants who have suffered severe adversity in the aftermath. The United Nations stands with them, resolved to realize their vision of a nuclear-weapon-free world.”

Hiroshima was the first of two Japanese cities struck by the then new weapon of mass destruction. In addition to thousands of people who were killed directly, more than 200,000 died from nuclear radiation, shock waves and thermal radiation. The UN [reports](#) that another 400,000 “people have died – and are continuing to die – since the end of the Second World War from the impacts of the two bombs.”



[http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2015/08/150806.sgsm150806.doc.htm](#)